



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02508.0091-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Sara GIACOMELLI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3762  
)  
Application No. 09/914,348 ) Examiner: Leslie R. DEAK  
)  
Filed: December 21, 2001 ) Confirmation No. 3626  
)  
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR )  
MONITORING THE ACCESS TO )  
THE CARDIOVASCULAR )  
SYSTEM OF A PATIENT )

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 2, 2004, and consistent with an interview held with Examiner Deak on December 13, 2004, this Amendment is filed to place the application in condition for allowance. The period for response extends through February 2, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, governing submissions to be filed with a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this Amendment.